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Who that has ever witnessed the resurrection of nature in the springtime; who that has watched with seeing eyes and understanding heart the stupendous miracle of swelling bud and opening blossom; who that has seen the dead being restored to life, can doubt that there is a beneficent God, an omnipotent Planner, an omniscient Artist back of the universe?—**Orrison Swett Marden.**

A few small garden seeds, each one a hidden miracle of beauty . . . These I plant and cultivate. God gave me this task, this duty . . . A few small talents—or perhaps just one, entrusted to my care . . . To use, develop, beautify; this is the task God lets me share . . . Man is the seed, the talent great or small. At setting of the sun . . . God comes to look upon and bless whatever good with them I've done.—**Tabitha Marie Ritzmann.**

This is a day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad . . . Live today the best that you can as though it is all you had . . . Life is made of many todays, and each one lived at its best . . . Makes this day a better day and somehow takes care of the rest.—**Virginia Katherine Oliver.**

Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee;
All things are passing; God never changeth;
Patient endurance attaineth all things;
Who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth.—**Longfellow.**

We are budgeted and shackled, in this little space of existence we call life, by boundaries of Time. Time limits our strength and our abilities; it separates, cuts short. Only our hopes and dreams are ever free. How wonderful, then, to know that Easter is eternal . . . that Christ's victory over death and time is ours, as well . . . that love and life and gladness are . . . forever!—**Esther Baldwin York.**

The best things are nearest . . . breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of Right just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.—**Robert Louis Stevenson.**

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The address of Mrs. C. F. Dockery has been changed from 1811 Fairview Avenue, Augusta, Georgia, to 554 Selwyn Drive, Decatur, Georgia. I will pray for all requests from lost, sick and suffering people, who write to me and believe God to answer prayer in a miraculous way. I will answer as many requests as possible by mail.—**Mrs. C. F. Dockery.**

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COVER PICTURE—Philip Gendreau

Springtime near St. Moritz, Switzerland. "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail." Job 38:22.

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Born Forever

By DONALD B. GIBSON, SR.

Text: Job 14:14a, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

THE ANSWER to the above query is, needless to say, being grossly neglected and shunned by the masses of our present day. Materialism enshrouds myriad of people in its poisonous tentacles, and its subjects have no grave concern for the aftermath of life. Oh yes, the first part of the text is not even hypothetical to most people, for they will readily concede that death is inevitable, but that the eternal existence of the soul is just as real is not given serious thought. Nevertheless, the import of the latter clause of the text will ultimately unfold into a stark reality, and the query will be forever answered in the affirmative, only to the regret of many and the joy of others.

We must awake to this conclusion: Every person who is born into this world faces God, his Creator, forever. When the newborn infant faces the dawn of a new world, it begins a series of progressions that ultimately converge with the termination of life. This series begins with a plethora of youthful energy, saltatory growth, and unbounded aspirations. Then adulthood ensues and, after a short interim has elapsed, rapid depreciation of the body and its faculties becomes evident, and death seizes its subject. Yes, death may be termed as the climax of this ephemeral series of finite progressions, but really, it is not that simple. The cessation of life only opens the door to an infinite series which has no limitations.

Born forever! Think of our lives as a concatenation of events, activities, successes, failures, joys, and sorrows, all of which are rapidly converging toward an immovable point. Day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, our lives are being expended. Each tick of the clock is a decrement from our sojourn in this temporal life. We are approaching the night, seemingly, at an accelerated pace. The days are vanishing. James expressed this when he asked, "... For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away," James 4:14. A similar awareness is expressed in Job 7:6, 7, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle," and "O remember that my life is wind..."

Seeing that we are pressed between limits, let us redeem the time because the days are evil. Let us work before night comes, when all activity will cease and the day of God will be upon us. We are warned in Hebrews 9:27, "... It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Death will inevitably be followed by the judgment, that is, God's court of justice, review of personal records, and assignment of eternal habitations. We are predestined to stand before the judgment seat of Christ to have our past deeds, works, and thoughts flash upon His screen for review. The Scripture vindicates this, "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," Romans 14:10. This will be His hour, and we shall all know that He is the Christ and

Saviour if we have not forelearned so.

We have our choice now, but God will command all to be silent while He distributes retribution to the wicked and rewards to the righteous. God reserves the right to render reward or punishment consistent with the manner in which we have lived and the works we have done. God's Holy Writ informs us that His elect will be given eternal life, and the wicked will be turned into hell, where the leaping, hungry flames shall lap at the souls of the latter forever. There will be no liberation or annihilation. How deplorable!

CONSEQUENTLY, WE SHOULD see clearly that our souls are born to exist forever. We possess an eternal, indestructible element that is under the surveillance of our Creator no end. Remember, men can destroy the body and remove it from action in our social order, but they are unable to exterminate the soul. Hence, take heed temporal-minded and materialistic one. There is no possible way for you to evade God's impending appointment. When you have said that there is no hell—no aftermath to this life—you will one day face a boundless eternity—an infinitude that shall diverge instead of converge.

Nevertheless, I continually thank God that the truly born-again, washed-in-the-blood saints shall count it a joy and an extreme exultation to hear Christ give them admission to the joys that He has prepared for them. A limitless eternity will be our delight. Inexplicable bliss and eternal emancipation are only part of the reward. Oh what a contrast with this life! An evanescent life of variability now surrounds us, but we shall find no changeability there, unless, perchance, eternity should appear to expand or infinitude seem to diverge. Time, as we know it, will not have increased an infinitesimal. Eons of years would not be enough for the most minute increments to the longevity of our abode in God's heavenly city. Hallelujah! We are insufficient in our meditations upon the extent of blessings and rewards that God has for us because, "... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him," 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Friend, what will be your eternal, immutable habitation? Where will you make your abode throughout that vast expanse called eternity? You may face death like many others who have trodden the blood of Jesus Christ underfoot—the open door to a leap into the dark. In contrast, the obscure will be made lucid, and faith will replace fear if you will only look to Christ now and be saved from such darkness. Prepare to meet God. You daily prepare for tomorrow. Is it not reasonable that you should prepare for the summation of tomorrows? You arduously plan and schedule for another day. Why not plan for the unending day? Preparation is left to your personal volition. Your sorrow for past sins must be climaxed in repentance and in full belief and acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Saviour, if you would be saved.

Remember, your soul is that part of you that will always be cognizant of God after your body has decayed and has become dust. You are destined to consummate this life, possibly sooner than you think. When death claims your body, God will retrieve your soul, the eternal domicile of which will have been determined already by you. When you step onto the brink of eternity and survey that limitless expanse, then you will realize, if you have not already, that you are born forever.

— MINISTERIAL ZEAL —

By H. D. WILLIAMS

"Wherefore I put thee into remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."

THESE ARE the words of the beloved apostle Paul to his young friend, Timothy.

The best of men will do well to remember past blessings as they exert the power they possess in promoting the kingdom work of Christ here on earth.

In his message to the brethren at Galatia, the Apostle expressed his awareness of existing conditions that tended to confuse the true Christian. The Galatians had been very zealous for the letter of the law. Now that they had accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, Paul was concerned that this spiritual energy be directed to the good of the individual as well as the cause of Christ.

There are various kinds of zeal. It might be helpful if we call attention to some here:

1. There is a zeal of God which is not according to knowledge. This reflects the attitude and activities of those who seek to gain for themselves a name and establish their own righteousness, who will not be submissive to the righteousness of God.

2. There is a mistaken zeal for the glory of God. This is reflected in the attitudes of those whose false notions are contrary to the principles of the teaching of Christ for his Church, also when improper ways and methods are taken to defend the work of God.

3. There is a contentious zeal which often brings divisions among brethren. This is often expressed in the actions of those who have the "holier than thou" attitude. Such an attitude is like the man who tried to cast out a demon but when the evil spirit would not leave the poor dejected soul, the preacher turned on his fellow ministers and said, "You are all unbelievers and hinder the work of God"; or the person who feels that the whole church is backslidden just because he has been used of God in some measure.

The true zeal is a fervent, ardent zeal for Christ, His Church, and suffering, dying human souls. Such zeal has a warm concern for the redemption of man that he may be saved and become firmly established in the Christian faith. "It is good," the Apostle says, "to be zealously affected in and for that which is good." Let it be said at this point, a lukewarm temper is opposite to zeal and is inconsistent with true religion which always animates the power and compassion of Christ in the preacher's message for suffering, sinful man.

The writer is conscious that these are general instructions pertinently addressed to all mankind. The Apostle directs it to his Christian brethren of Galatia and through them to such in every generation, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord. It is especially applicable to the minister of Christ whose station in life is honorable, yet crowded with dangers. They are of like passion as other men, whether stimulated by hope or depressed by fear. They are exposed to the pressure of temptation on every side as they continue to labor for the salvation of the world, in which lies all their honor and happiness. There is dignity in their official character; their calling is of God; their message is from God to man. It was their zeal for Christ and their love for the people that drove the early preachers through persecution and hardship to take Christ's message of salvation for soul and body to the world. They were stoned, but refused to stagger; they were threatened with imprisonment and death, but they said, "We cannot but obey God."

IT IS NOT another gospel that we need; it is that same sense of loyalty to the teachings of Christ, the head of the Church and the Saviour of men. It is an inner moving of the righteous zeal of Christ; that loving compassion of Christ for dying men, that drives the minister to his knees, in travelling prayer for power to bring Christ to men, thereby bringing men to God. It is that unselfish, holy zeal, that evangelistic fire and fervor, that drives the minister on when his body is fatigued. How many ministers, says one, lie down in their laziness and wretchedly neglect their duties. Idleness, as one has said, is the devil's workshop. It lessens the minister's influence in his community.

The mind is benumbed by a useless and inactive life. Idleness and dullness are not characteristic of the ministry of reconciliation of this present day. However, individuals may be guilty of such a charge. It is not true of the great body of those who preach the gospel. With the solemnities of death, the judgment, and eternity gathering before us, let us think of the importance of the work in which ministers are engaged.

It is not needful for me to tell you that it takes hold on eternity and effects the destiny of undying souls. There is no truth better known to the minister. It involves the success of Christ's mission to earth. The world is in darkness. It is the duty of ministers to enlighten it by reflecting the beam of the Sun of righteousness far and wide. They are to declare the whole counsel of God

and not be imitators, hobby-riders, or ones going after some tangent to the destruction of the faith and fellowship of the Church. The world is in wickedness; errors abound. Due to erroneous teaching, idolatry and superstition cover the earth because men have the wrong conception of God. The ministry of reconciliation alone can clear up the confused minds of men. The work and influence of good men of God has a tremendous bearing on the hearts and minds of men when they are zealously affected for a good cause. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself."

These are fundamental laws of God but fall powerless on the ear except when spoken by heaven-commissioned messengers. The world is under condemnation. The curse of God is on it. Burning wrath is kindled. The cup of indignation is filling, and its overflow must wrap every labor and hope of man in consuming fire, a fire that can never be quenched. It belongs to mortal man, called and separated of God to declare this fact to his fellow men. This fact is so terribly true that Jesus came to make a way of escape. The zeal of the minister is reflected in his humility as he conducts the guilty sinner to the fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emanuel's veins. As Moses guided the children of Israel through the wilderness, it is the duty of the minister to lead the Christians into the rich knowledge of God's plan and purpose for the Church, that they be zealously affected for a good cause; that is, letting their light shine, taking the gospel out and bringing the people in.

ONE GREATER THAN MAN has outlined the program of the Church and determined the destiny of all men. Still the treasures of truth and consolation are committed to earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and that he may be glorified while man is humbled. It is the burden of the minister to keep watch over the flock, to feed them, care for them, and put into the lips of earth's perishing millions that song of salvation, "I am redeemed." The zeal with which this work must be prosecuted has its foundation in a personal relationship with God, a heartfelt conviction that all men without Christ are lost. This heartfelt conviction must reflect itself in the sincerity of the minister. His holy zeal and fervor must reflect itself in the minister's ability to inspire faith in the promises of God.

The minister's profession binds him to a life of holiness. It may be thought by some that the more ignorant one is the more spiritual he may be, but the main support of ministerial zeal is knowledge. As one preacher said, "I can preach the best about the things I know best." He must be thoroughly furnished. He should have an experimental knowledge of the work and Word of God. He should use diligence in storing his mind with such knowledge that will aid him in illustrating and enforcing those everlasting truths, by which alone man can be made wise unto salvation.

Ministerial zeal cannot be maintained without fervent and effectual prayer, prayer that is wrought by the Holy Spirit. Prayer puts the preacher's heart in his message. Heart-preaching is effective preaching. The life of good King Hezekiah was lengthened by fervent prayer. Can any preacher hope to be successful but by fervent prayer? The zealous minister is careful about his private life, his association with the public. Self-denial and temperance in all things is characteristic of the zealous minister. He keeps his body and brings it into subjection. He crucifies the flesh and bears the cross gladly. It is his ambition to

overcome unhallowed passions. He aims to cleanse himself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit and be an example to the believer. It is not his aim to teach others to look heavenward while he himself looks longingly at the glitter of the gold and the fascinating bright lights of the word that will soon fade away.

LOVE RANKS HIGH among the finer qualities of ministerial zeal. "Though one speaks with the tongues of men and of angels," says Paul, "and has the gift of prophecy and understands all mysteries and all knowledge, he speaks in vain if love does not warm his heart." Jesus laid down his life to save the world. Blessed example! When the zeal of God's house eats the minister up, his labors will be begun, continued, and ended in love. Love moves the minister to pray, to converse with men about God, and to instruct from the pulpit.

No work can be more powerful against Satan's kingdom than the work of love. Fortitude and activity also enter deeply into ministerial zeal. A minister's responsibilities and the greatness of his labor have no parallel among the responsibilities of the men of this world. He has enemies to encounter and difficulties to overcome that lie in the pathway of no other man. Satan knows that if he can confuse the shepherd, the sheep will go astray. He knows that his strength is weakness. He is sustained by power from on high. If the soldier is to be crowned a hero, or the statesman is to wield an influence over the people, they must cherish a spirit that never tires, an energy that never yields, a courage that never fails. The minister must be ready to become all things to all men that some might be saved.

It is the will of God that His ministry be a flaming fire—not as dead coals, not even as live coals covered up in ashes. In every good thing let him be zealously affected, entering then into the zeal which heaven approves. The minister must be conscious of the sacred task. True zeal is tender as well as bold. It is humble and devout. Overlooking honor and self-interest, its aims are high as heaven and far-reaching as eternity. Let the holy zeal of God enjoined on ministers of God be burning always. Let it impel to ceaseless vigilance over the interest committed to their charge and to untiring activity in their labor for the redemption of man.



I asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak, that I might learn to obey. I asked for health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life; I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I received nothing I had asked for—everything I had hoped for. My prayers were answered.—Author unknown. (Selected by W. Newell, Clerk, Farmingdale, New York.)



Be resolutely and faithfully what you are; be humbly what you aspire to be. Man's noblest gift to man is sincerity; for it embraces his integrity also.—Thoreau.

THIS IS THE TITLE of a very prominent song that has been making the rounds of the nation in popularity for the past few months.

Though the lyrics are somewhat unorthodox for a strictly sacred song, and its melody has been flavored by its association with hill-billy hits, yet there is to be found within its lines one of the fondest hopes of every Christian believer—that of the redemption of the body. This is not a new hope for God's people. Long before the mystery of the first resurrection had been revealed to New Testament saints, Job, the patient hero of the Old Testament, had expressed this hope.

Sitting upon an ash-heap, draped in sackcloth and scratching his numerous sores with a potshred, he gave vent to this glorious hope within his soul. Staring death in the face, suffering the scorn of mistaken companions, and enduring the verbal thrusts of a well-meaning but faithless wife, he poured forth his soul. "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever. For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me," Job 19:23-27.

Job's hope of eternal life beyond the grave is a hope that has been shared by myriad of saints throughout the centuries that have come and gone. Martyrs have claimed this hope and gladly burned at a tyrant's stake. Mothers have lingered near the cradles of dying babes and looked forward to a reunion in the skies. Dads have called wayward sons to their bedsides and in gasping tones have asked them to meet them in heaven. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body," Romans 8:23.

Perhaps, no man, living or dead, has had a fuller revelation of the resurrection and redemption of the body than Paul, the Apostle. Caught up into the third heaven and given a preview of the hereafter, he is a firsthand witness to our future glory. It is he who said, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grace, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.

IF EVER A MAN wore out "this old house," his body, Paul was that man. Hear him say in 2 Corinthians 11:23b-33: "I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in death oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own coun-

"This Old House"

By EARL T. GOLDEN, Pastor, Coffeyville, Kansas

trymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands."

It is no wonder that he confessed to the Philippians, "I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." It was this same grand apostle who, in his closing ministry and earthly life, wrote to Philemon and said, "Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ." To the Galatians he said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." "Paul the aged," "prisoner of Jesus Christ," "in my body marks"—these terms describe the closing ministry of this heroic soldier of the cross.

"This old house" had been blown upon by the winds of adversity; "this old house" had been assaulted by the fires of persecution; "this old house" had been soaked with the waters of tribulation; "this old house" had been stricken by the lightning of hate, scorn and shame, and wear and tear. Physical, temporal, and spiritual adversity had beaten away at its foundation for years, and now it seemed as if the sharp blade of the executioner's axe would soon send it crumbling earthward.

But wait, this is not defeat; this is victory. This is not sorrow; this is joy. This is not the end, but it is a glorious beginning. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," 2 Corinthians 5:1.

Thus this old soldier of the cross moved out of his dilapidated "old house" of the earthly to inherit the glorious and immortal one of the heavenly. Are you ready for this final moving day?

Man and missions

From the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary's Desk, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee—PAUL H. WALKER.

DEADLY SNAKE KILLS TWELVE HEAD OF CATTLE IN AFRICA

By Oscar F. F. Changuion

Snakes alive or dead are most detestable creatures. Somehow or other we seem to get a cold shiver down our spines when we refer to snakes. Mention the word "nyoka" to a crowd of natives, and they will flee in all directions for a moment until they find where the snake is, but in no time some of them will return with sticks and stones and dispatch the horrible reptile.

A lady once asked my cousin who lives in a mamba-infested area in Zululand, "What is the best thing to do when one is bitten by a mamba?" Her reply was "If you have not made out your will, write it out in the sand quickly!" Death generally supervenes within a matter of minutes after a mamba bite. The mamba is South Africa's enemy number one in the reptile world. Its five-foot body enables it to strike high or low at a terrific speed. Briefly, an attack by a mamba is a death-flash.

At Mukomanini, about ninety miles from Lourenco Marques, there is a handful of believers. Within a radius of approximately one mile of this center, a mamba had its habitation. This deadly snake had killed no less than twelve head of cattle.

Native herbs and powders administered to the victims of this snake were of no avail. The snake serum given by a veterinary officer also failed.

This native worker still believed in the old-time native superstition, that if he moved from his kraal (home) he would be despising his deceased parents and that this, in turn, would cause his nonbelieving relatives to separate themselves from him in case some ill omen befell them.

Our non-European secretary of our work in Lourenco Marques had the opportunity of explaining to this worker the wonderful power there is in the name of Jesus and how that everything was possible if we sincerely trusted in that name.

Three weeks after this conversation, this worker related the following story: One day while his boys were ploughing, this deadly mamba struck one of the oxen. The animal collapsed, and one of the boys quickly ran for the father of the family. The whole family knelt down and called upon the name of Jesus. During the prayer, they felt the

Presence of the Lord,

and the animal began sneezing, and when they said "amen," the animal stood up! Praise the Lord! The news spread like wildfire. Neighbors came rushing out when

they heard that at last an effective "medicine" had been discovered to counteract snake bite at Mukomanini.

This incident gave our worker an opportunity to testify of the wonderful power that there is in Jesus' name. As a result, a divine healing station has been established, which is still in existence.

About a fortnight later, this mamba attacked this worker while he was busy cutting yoke pins for his oxen. Singing a hymn with words similar to "When all my labors and trials are o'er," he felt the presence of the Lord; this caused him to lift his eyes, and to his horror, the mamba was six feet from him. He closed his eyes and committed everything into the hands of the Lord. (I am afraid that most of us under such circumstances would have watched more than we would have prayed!) When he opened his eyes, the

Mamba Was Retreating

slowly. Suddenly a voice seemed to say, "Destroy the enemy." He immediately gave chase and struck the snake on the head and killed it.

The whole countryside rejoiced that this vile mamba, which had left nothing but death in its trail, was now blotted out of existence. News of this nature receives great prominence among the natives and become the topic of conversation in the villages. It is a great relief to the community whenever the deadly activities of a troublesome snake or marauding lion are terminated.

A perusal of the Scriptures reveals that a snake can be tamed, but there is something, however, that cannot be tamed by man—the human tongue. (James 3:7-8.) An unconsecrated tongue can also cause death; it is an unruly evil and full of deadly poison. We kill snakes and so end their deadly activities, but the fruits of the tongue can live on even after death. Oh, how essential it is that our tongues should be sanctified. A poisonous tongue is, of course, merely an outward expression of an inward condition. The only One who can tame the tongue and change the heart is Jesus Christ. That same tongue of deadly poison can become a wonderful instrument in the hand of God to bring the message of life to a dying world.

Is your tongue full of deadly poison, or is it full of heavenly blessing?

Note: Brother Changuion plans to visit us here in the U. S. A., and pastors will do well to secure his services. His good wife will be with him.



MISSION GLOBE BANKS

The Foreign Missions Department is now in a position to furnish the best line of globe banks that it has ever had. These banks are larger and more substantial, with the division and color of the various countries more pronounced and more detailed in their description. They are four inches in diameter and are well constructed. The department is offering these banks at the following prices, which include postage:

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COURT of PRAISE

SMITHERS, W. Va.—In November, 1954, I had the flu and a sinus infection that left me with pleurisy, which somehow infected the pancreas. I requested prayer, and was prayed for, but I could not get victory. I realized I was growing steadily worse, but I would not give up to go to the doctor. Finally, on the night of January 28, I had an attack which I later learned was pancreatitis. Near collapse, I came home from work in a state of delirium. Although my fever was three degrees below normal, my body was wet with perspiration, and I was having severe, colicky pains in my stomach. I was in so much misery that I just didn't care whether I lived or died. My husband called the doctor, and he began treating me. I was going to have an operation as soon as he got the infection cleared. After this I had several attacks, which left me unconscious as long as three hours at a time. My pastor, Brother Houston Hall, came and prayed for me, and the men's prayer band at church prayed, also; I had called my mother in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the church there was praying for me.

On the night of February 6, even though I had been worse in the evening, I wanted to go to our Sunday night church service. Sore and in pain all over, I would pass out at the least bit of exertion. My husband helped me out of bed. It took every bit of strength I had to make it to church. When the minister gave a call for the sick to be prayed for, I went to the altar. The members prayed for me, but I was so sick that I could hardly make it back to my seat. Everything was becoming a blur when Sister Hall, our pastor's wife, asked the Christians to march around to where I was sitting, lay hands on me, and ask God to heal me. The next thing I remember, it seemed as if two big hands were covering the places where I was suffering, and I felt the healing virtue of Jesus as the power of God raised me from my seat. I shouted and praised God for complete victory. I was instantly healed, and every bit of the soreness and pain was gone. I praise God for healing. I thank the people of God that prayed for me. There are not enough words to express what God means to me. He has been so real to me in the time of need. Pray for me that I shall continue to be faithful to Him.—Madaline Johnson.

PETERSBURG, Mich.—"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all," Psalm 34:19. How well I remember about three weeks ago when I was standing in the hospital's third-floor hallway just outside Room 3612, which had a sign on the door—"Tetanus" (or lockjaw). In that room was our son who was lying in an iron lung at the point of death. We have a Christian home, and we belong to the Church of

God. The Lord had always healed our sick when we would call upon Him. About January 14 Harold got his thumb cut in the power saw, and a week later he was in the hospital with lockjaw. On the second day of his hospitalization, as my wife and I sat in the lobby of the hospital praying that God would spare our son, the Lord promised me that He would spare him, but we did not know what we would have to go through first. The church had the burden on their hearts, and only God knows how they, as well as other churches, prayed.

In the meantime, Harold was getting worse. His temperature was elevated to one hundred and seven degrees, but I felt that since I had the Lord on my side he would get well. The hardest battle came when my wife came down from Harold's room and said he was dying. I knew that the Lord I serve is able, but she said that our son had stopped breathing and that his pulse was no longer beating. I looked at her and said, "What have we been praying for?" I told her to go back to his room, because he was going to be all right. (I could not go in to see him, because I had the flu at the time.) Soon she came back and said, "Praise the Lord, our son is breathing again, and his temperature and his pulse are more normal. The doctors had said that they had done all they could, but the Bible tells us that what is impossible with man is possible with God. The doctors had also told our pastor that Harold could not possibly pull through, but he started getting better. I thank and praise the Lord for what He has done. Through this sickness, I have been drawn closer to the Lord, as well as to the Church. The doctors call Harold 'the boy back from the dead.' They said that they had never seen anything like it before, and they implied that they knew God had had something to do with it. We thank all those who helped us, and may God bless them.

Our son is home now, praise the Lord, but he will need to rest a lot, for he lost thirty pounds in thirty-six days. The God whom we serve is able to do all things. We don't always know when our testing time will come, but we do know that the Lord is able.—Willis E. Butts.

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His great healing power. While I was sick with the flu for two or three weeks, I took medicine, but I seemed to be getting worse all the time. I began to put my trust in the Lord. I called for our pastor, Brother Robinsons, and he came to pray for me. I became a little better then. Later the same day, the ladies came from their prayer meeting to

pray for me, and God wonderfully healed my body. Praise His name! Everyone pray for me that I shall be found doing the things that are pleasing to God.—Sister Carter.

FRANKLIN, N. C.—I praise God for what He has done for me. I know He is a prayer-answering God, because He has answered my prayers many times. I thank Him for healing my baby who had something wrong with his intestines. Praise His holy name! As I read Matthew 7:7-12, I can truly say that He will always be with us in our time of need. I'm glad He abides in my heart today. Praise His name! —Mrs. Charlie Cabe.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—When I was sent to pastor the Renick Church of God in October, 1954, my wife and I began to hear prayer requests for Harry Spanougle, who was unsaved and in a serious condition. Since his wife was a member of the church, God put a special burden on my heart for him. My wife and I visited him twice and talked to him about his soul. Each time he wept, and convicting power was upon him. Under a heavy burden for his soul, I wrestled with the Lord two whole nights after visiting him.

I made arrangements to have a prayer meeting in his home. We took Brother E. H. Bragg, our district overseer, and his wife and a few members of the church. In that first service, God gloriously saved him. As the power of God began to hover over us, he lifted his hands high toward heaven and praised God for salvation.

We had service with him each week until he became too ill. Although he was so weak that he had to have support to stand, he praised God each time for what He had done for him. The day after he was saved, he told his wife that he had to get rid of his cigarettes. He asked her to kneel with him and to ask God to give him victory over the habit. He did not smoke again. As his friends came in to see him, he told them what God had done for him.

Five weeks and three days after he was saved, he was called home to be with Jesus. I, along with a Methodist minister who was a special friend of Brother Spanougle, was asked to conduct his funeral. I could feel a heavenly atmosphere as I endeavored to speak to the large congregation of friends and loved ones. I rejoiced within, because his soul was resting in that blessed heavenly realm far beyond this vale of suffering and disappointment. As a reward of our efforts and our prayers, this experience will always be a blessed memory to me.—Parker S. Masters, Pastor. Attested by Beulah Jane Spanougle, wife of the deceased.

HOPEWELL, Va.—Recently, while a mechanic, I went into a grease pit to do some welding underneath an automobile. At my first attempt to use the electric welder, it arced, and it seemed that the entire place exploded. Gas was in the pit, but no one knew how it got there. The fire was rolling all over me, for the pit was filled with fire; the car covered the entire pit, which was five and a half feet deep, the top being as high as my head. Running to one end, I tried to find a large enough crack through which to climb, but since there was none, I came back to where I started. When my strength was gone, I started falling, but then I saw hell plainly. God gave me renewed strength, and I made a leap for the crack between the rear of the car and the rim of the pit. It was only seven inches wide, but I went through it by the help of God. When I got clear of the pit, I stood up, and all the skin from my face, burning like fat meat in a fire, slid off to the floor. I was suffering; oh, I was suffering! I knew that I could not live many minutes if something did not happen, for I was dying.

By this time my coveralls were on fire. My father and a neighbor were the first ones back into the garage—all the mechanics had run when the explosion occurred. I asked them to remove my coveralls as quickly as possible, for they were smothering me to death with the smoke and fire. When I was free of the fire, I called for prayer and about ten or twelve persons prayed with me. I do not know how long we prayed, because it was no time for checking. I realized that it all belonged to God. One thing I do know—when I came to myself, God had sanctified me, baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and had healed my burns. I stopped suffering and did not suffer from the burns any more.

We went to a doctor to get him to clean and bandage the sores. It took him two hours. When he finished, he was going to send me to the hospital, but I refused to go, because I was depending on God. The doctor said I could not live through that night and the next day. I went to bed at 6:30 p.m., and by 10:00 p.m. my head had swollen so that I could not see and it was two feet wide.

I was not worried, for I knew God was still with me. When the swelling went down so that I could see again, I enjoyed everything that passed by. I laughed so at everything that my lips burst and blood ran down my chin. Even though I was burned so badly that the bones of my face and my hands were showing, every day I enjoyed everything. With the help of God and those who prayed for me, it lacked one day being four weeks when I went back into the garage to see where it all had happened.

I thank everyone who prayed for me and came to see me. My good wife stayed by my side at all times and helped me talk to God. I praise God for His help. He has never failed me, and I am determined to do all I can for Him. Everyone who reads this and knows the worth of prayer, pray that I may live a better Christian life. Day

by day I want to get closer to God and to be ready to meet Him when He calls me home.

Anyone who wants to get this verified, may see Dr. Lowery in Crewe, Virginia. He was my doctor, and I really appreciate him.—W. I. Dennis.

WHEELING, W. Va.—I praise the Lord that He is still in the healing business. About the middle of July, I broke out with an infection (boils) on my arms which kept getting worse and spreading until it was over all my body, even my head. I thought I would die. On November 18, I visited in my brother's home. My sister-in-law asked how my arms were, and when she saw them, she said that Mother Bachman would pray for me. When she came and saw me, she just laid her hands on my shoulders and started praying. I was not saved, and I did not know anything about divine healing, but I knew something had happened. I felt as if I were outside in the warm sunshine, but at the same time, I knew there was no fire in the room. When Mother Bachman finished praying and I looked at my arms, they seemed a lot better. The sores were as large as a thumbnail, open, and full of pus. In two weeks they were completely healed, praise the Lord!

From then until spring, God practically gave me a new body. He opened my ears after my not being able to hear a bird sing for almost thirty years. I had cancer in the last stages. He healed that, too, praise the Lord! Then, I had gall bladder trouble, and I suffered with bad nerves for over three years. After going to bed at night, I would wake up shaking so badly that the whole bed would shake. Thanks be to God, He healed my nerves. At the time of this illness, I was unable to work, but now I am doing house cleaning five and six days a week.—Miss Annie Rushforth. Attested by Caroline Bachman, Pastor.

FRANKLIN, N.C.—I praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul. Since last April, I have not been well. I took treatments from three doctors. They all said there was only one chance for me and that was to go to the hospital for an operation. As I lay in my sick-bed praying, it seemed as if the Lord spoke plainly telling me to call for the Church of God people to come pray for me. Eleven Holy-Ghost-filled persons were in the room when we began praying, but before the prayer was ended, the Lord reached down and lifted me up. He touched my body, and, best of all, He gave me the Holy Ghost. I ask everyone who prays to pray for me, also for my family that is lost.—Mrs. Beulah Norris.

CAREY, Ohio—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I am a member of the Church of God at Carey, Ohio, where my grandmother, Della Watkins, is pastor. About two weeks ago, I went to church sick with a cold, and I could hardly sing at all. My grandmother must have been led of God, for she called me to come and be prayed for. By the time we had

prayed a few minutes, the power of God moved on me, and I was healed. I praise God for it all.—Mrs. Viola Fletcher. Attested by Mrs. Della Watkins.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—"The pain doesn't bother me now and it never will." These words came from the lips of a very dear friend of mine who was healed of a dreadful heart condition which had troubled her for three long years and had brought her to death's door. The doctors said, "She is beyond our help, for we have done all we can. Since her heart has collapsed and her blood is not leaving her lungs, it is only a matter of time." After administering to her for three years, giving her little, if any, relief, and no hope of complete recovery, they finally had to admit their insufficiency. We do not try to belittle the work of doctors. On the contrary, we look up to them and admire their dedication to helping humanity in many phases. With all their skill and training, they are only human, and there comes a time when human strength and hands cannot avail. Then it is that we must turn to God, who created us and knows all about us.

At this point Brother J. David Pitts received a telephone call to hurry to the hospital room of my friend who was dying without God. It is an indescribable heart rending picture to watch someone you love dying, unprepared to meet God. Brother Pitts tried to talk to her, but he saw that she was so near death that she could not understand. He began to pray, and, as if by magic, a smile began to form on her pain-racked face as the power of God came into that hospital room. We were happy when she began to praise and thank God. Then we could bear to give her up because Jesus had saved her soul.

That night as I stood by her bedside, I realized the extent of what had really happened. Not only had God saved her, but also He had healed her as well. She was able to eat ice cream that night and by the next morning her lungs had stopped bleeding.

Nine days later she gave the following testimony: "I do not remember when Brother Pitts came or left, but somehow I remember someone praying. As they prayed, I was standing near a dark gulf of some kind. The darkness was so black it seemed to smother me and I was afraid. It seemed I must go alone into eternity without God and my pain was so great. Then a voice spoke to me, saying, 'Don't be afraid. I am here.' It was the voice of Jesus! From that moment I have not had another pain and I never will. I know that God has healed me of my heart condition and has brought me back from the jaws of death. Doctors now say my heart and body are normal. I can never praise Him enough."

"The prayers of a righteous man availeth much." If we will live a holy, consecrated, and dedicated life to God, when the time comes for us to give spiritual help to someone in need, we can call upon the Father in the name of His son Jesus, and He will hear our prayer.—J. Henry Cloud. Attested by J. David Pitts, Pastor.

reports

The Obregon, Mexico, Convention

Two years had passed, and I hadn't been able to spare the time to accept Brother Vessie D. Hargraves' gracious invitation to attend the Northwestern Mexico Convention at Obregon. Therefore, for several weeks ahead, I made definite plans to be in this convention, which convened January 12 through 16.

About noon on the twelfth, I left the office in Weatherford and stopped by Big Spring, Sweetwater, and Midland for the respective pastors, W. E. Mitchell, H. D. Statum, and George Ivy, who traveled to the convention with me through rain, sleet, snow, and sunshine. Arriving in time for the Friday night service, we were cordially received by Brother Hargraves and the convention as a whole.

Obregon had begun a street-paving project, and the heavy rain, which was still falling, made a regular lollol of mud throughout the city. We drove the car as close as we could to the church building and then waded mud shoe-mount deep, but upon entering the building, we found that neither the rain nor mud dampened the order of the ministers and members who were there for no other purpose than to have a great convention.

Brother Hargraves was very kind and, I am sure, liberal when introducing me and the other members of the party; yet, I am sure that neither of us knew when we responded that we were supplementing the introduction given to us as we should, since he introduced us in Spanish, which was, of course, "Greek" to us.

Brother Hargraves delivered the message that night in his masterly heart-warming, passionate style, and it was evident from the expressions voiced and seen on the faces of the ministers and members that their hearts were being set on fire with a greater zeal for God and His Church. During the closing part of the service, Brother Hargraves whispered, "Come with me, Brother Bright." We made our way off the rostrum back to the annex, which had a dirt floor that now was mud, due to the water that had run in from the street.

First, we went through the combination dining room and kitchen, where several were rolling out tortillas; then, we went into a room about 8 by 10 that was filled with fourteen men, women, and children who, with the exception of one, were lying on blankets on the mud floor. As we entered the room, Brother Hargraves whispered to me, "Brother Bright, these are fourteen of eighteen delegates who were on their way to the convention in a truck when they had a wreck. The other four are in the hospital in a very serious condition." As he began to move from one to the other speaking words of comfort to them, my heart was touched with two emotions—pity for those precious peo-

ple who were broken, bruised and skinned, and yet with thanks to God for the gleam of faith and courage that shone from their eyes, from faces bruised, skinned, and bandaged.

May I say here that the Lord was in that convention with power to heal, for before we left, all but one—I think an elderly lady—were on the rostrum praising the Lord, and actually you could almost see the skinned places healing. This accident reminds us of the statement in Job that where the sons of God met together Satan came along, also. Certainly the devil doesn't want God's people to meet together for holy convocation, as that was, and it is no small wonder that he will cause them to have a wreck either on the way or upon leaving.

I was invited to speak in the Saturday morning service, which was made much easier, since Brother Hargraves took time out to interpret for me. I



Virgel H. Oakley

Virgel H. Oakley has been active in home mission work in the Lynch, Kentucky, Church of God for a number of years, and many have been converted through his efforts. Over a year ago, Brother Oakley was hit by a car, and since that time, he has not been able to walk and visit as usual. He still feels a burden for the work of the Lord and is always glad to hear from anyone who would like to be remembered in prayer. Brother Oakley is a man of great faith, and many wonderful healings have taken place under his ministry.—J. B. Youngblood, Pastor, Lynch, Kentucky.

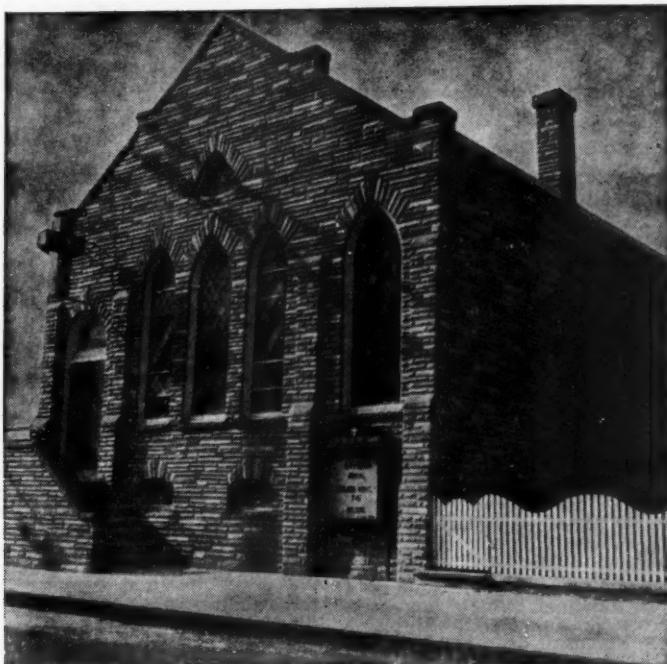
have never been in a convention where all who attended were more attentive and wholehearted in their worship. That was the first time that I had the experience preaching with mud over my shoe tops, but I soon forgot about the mud as I felt the anointing of the Lord and looked at the responsive people about me. To the best of my memory, nearly one hundred received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during that convention. To me, that is wonderful. Too many times our conventions are so taken up with business that we really don't receive the blessings from the Lord that we should. These are days when we should point, with all the force and emphasis possible, to the extreme necessity of every child of God being baptized with the Holy Spirit. Another thing that greatly impressed me was the love for missions that was demonstrated by the people giving so liberally to the missions cause. Then, too, the attitude of the ministers toward missions in their native land is remarkable as was illustrated by the attitude of one young man and his wife. They declined a self-supporting church to go into a community where there was no church and, in fact, where they were forbidden to start a church except under very strict and severe restrictions. They began prayer services in homes and began to win men and women to the Lord Jesus by personal contact anywhere that they met them. By this means he hoped to eventually have enough to organize a church. God give us more ministers of that disposition throughout the Church.

We had to leave the convention on Sunday morning, but the inspiration we received did not, has not, and will not leave us. A round trip of 2,600 miles is a long drive to attend a convention, but I am sure that not one of the party regrets going to Obregon.—J. D. Bright.

MALDEN, Mo.—We praise the dear Lord for the way He is blessing and moving in our church in Clarkton, Missouri. We praise Him for our good Ladies' Willing Workers' Band. On December 17 we had a chicken supper, and we cleared \$51.50. We thank all of the churches that have been praying for us, and we ask that they continue to do so.—Sister Dee Crawford, Reporter.

JAMBOREE, Ky.—The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band has just painted the church on the inside, and we have finished our basement, which has two Sunday School rooms and a kitchen for the L.W.W.B. Also, we have raised our quota, which is over \$276 for missions. Pray for us at Jamboree that we shall put things over for God.—Eli Coleman, Clerk.

"NEW LOOK" FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD IN READING, PENNSYLVANIA!



The blessings of God on the church in Reading, Pennsylvania, have been unlimited since Pastor David Culp and his family came to us from the last General Assembly. God has blessed us spiritually, numerically, and materially. We recently completed a remodeling program, or, should I say, we built a new church around the old shell. Now we have a beautiful church in which to worship the Lord. The following are only some of the jobs which have been done: natural form stone on exterior, new roof, new sidewalk, new steps at entrance, ceiling plastered, walls painted, stained glass windows refinished, neon cross installed over the entrance, new pulpit furniture bought, floor painted, tile floor laid in vestibule, outside bulletin

board placed in front of church, and at present, we are adding seven new Sunday School rooms to our Sunday School department.

We certainly appreciate the labor and leadership of our pastor, Brother Culp, and we thank God for sending him to us, for he has been a great blessing. The people of the church have given splendid cooperation and have worked hard to accomplish these things. We are also happy for the fact that as the work progressed we were able to pay as we went, because God supplied through many sources. There is but a small balance to be paid, and as God continues to bless, we hope to have that taken care of in a short time.—Daniel Hanley, Clerk.

An excerpt from a recent letter to R. R. Walker, Superintendent of the Church of God Home for Children: "My records show you sent us 2,102,000 of our coupons during the calendar year 1954 or 84,000 more than during the best previous year—1952. We sent you during 1954 \$8,250 in cash which, due to the difference of Special Offer terms, was somewhat under the 1952 total. But, the grand total of \$73,261 the Home has had from us is a figure worth giving considerable publicity to as you keep your people posted on 'progress through coupons.'"—Donald Freeman, Organization Division Premium Department of Colgate-Palmolive Company.

DAYTON, Tenn.—The Lord is blessing the Church of God in Dayton. Acts 2:16-17, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." We have been in a building program and have just completed six new Sunday School rooms at a cost of approximately \$10,000. We have also installed a new gas heating system of which we are proud. Brother W. E. Johnson, our state overseer, was with us Sunday, March 13, and dedicated

our new Sunday School rooms. We had 550 in attendance. Each department of our church is working together, and we are enjoying the blessings of the Lord every time we meet. We praise the Lord for Brother and Sister Newman, our pastor and his wife, because they have meant so much to our church.—Creed Dunn, Clerk.

CUMBERLAND, N. C.—We have just finished a contest by which we raised \$86 in six weeks. Our offering for each night was never under \$7, and our attendance was never under 25 each night. Our young people are working hard toward being the best Y.P.E. we have ever had. Pray for us.—Violet Turlington, Y.P.E. Secretary.

ORANGE, Texas—Our Sunday School has certainly increased since Brother D. C. Mitchell has been our pastor. On February 27 we had 65 in attendance; on March 5 we had 67; on March 13 we had 69, and on March 20 we had 74.—Margaret Spell, Secretary and Treasurer.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING



Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Moreland

Miss Lourenna Moreland and Mrs. David Lykens recently celebrated their parents' golden wedding anniversary. Fifty guests were present. Brother J. E. Bell read the scripture lesson; Brother C. J. Hindmon prayed; Brother C. B. Shaal sang; Retta Lou Lykens, the only grandchild, sang; and Brother Lykens, their son-in-law, read the golden wedding ceremony. The couple received many lovely gifts.

Brother Moreland has labored in the Church of God for over thirty years. His family has been active in the Church, having traveled over many states in evangelistic work. We wish for Brother and Sister Moreland many more years, and may the richest blessings of the Lord be upon them. Brother Moreland, though superannuated by the Church, is still active in evangelistic work.—Reporter.

revivals

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—We have recently had a revival at the Mount Olive Church of God. Thirty-two were saved, 12 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 added to the church, and a great number healed of various ailments. During the first healing service, one was healed of a tumor of the brain. The news of God's work began to spread abroad, and the church was filled each night with people and God's Spirit. We had one hundred for Sunday School last Sunday, and all records were broken during the four weeks of the revival. Much credit goes to Sister Ethel Thornton, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, for the wonderful Sunday School increase. She is a wonderful evangelist. God sent her to Mount Olive, where many people were blessed. Our pastor, Brother G. L. Sauls, is still doing a great work for God.—Harold T. Anderson, Clerk.

MACON, Ga.—From February 21 through February 27, we had a revival with Brother F. J. Thibodeau, of Florida, as the evangelist. Twenty-seven were saved, several filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church. On Sunday morning Brother Thibodeau preached a missions sermon, and \$1,630 was pledged for missions even though all our people are poor. Also, we had a recent ten-day meeting with Brother Harold Moore, of Missouri, as the evangelist, and many souls were blessed. Both of these men are good preachers. Pray for us in Macon.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk.

HOMOSASSA, Fla.—Our church is on the move, and the Lord has really been blessing. Recently, we had a three weeks' revival with Sister Lillian Dickson, of Huntington, West Virginia, as the evangelist. Twenty-six were saved, 11 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the church, and 8 baptized in water. One man was healed of deafness, and one lady was healed of a bad infection in her right arm. Many others were prayed for and healed. This shows the great hand of God, and we do praise and thank Him for every blessing which He has bestowed upon us.—Louis Fitzgerald, Pastor.

JAMBOREE, Ky.—We are doing things for the Master here. Recently, we had a revival in which 8 were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 baptized in water, and 2 added to the church. The evangelists were Sister Varnie, Brother Otis Sandars, and our pastor, Brother Wheeler Stump.—Eli Coleman, Clerk.

ENFIELD, N. C.—From February 6 through February 27, God granted us the privilege of witnessing a mighty outpouring of His Spirit in an unusual way. Brother C. A. Campbell, a deeply spiritual young man, was the instru-

ment chosen of God to bring the inspired Word of God to saint and sinner. Brother Campbell is a talented singer, and Sister Campbell is a fine pianist and singer. The hearts of old and young alike were moved toward God by the truth and fervency with which Brother Campbell sang and preached the Word. Six were saved, 1 was sanctified, and 1 was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Had it not been for the fact that our pastor, Brother T. V. McCormick, and his wife had laid a solid foundation, we could not have expected to receive such manifold blessings from God through our evangelists and the visiting ministers and friends. We feel sure that our prayer band which meets each Tuesday is partly responsible for the way God so richly blessed in our regular services, as well as in the revival. We went over the top in Y.P.E. and Sunday School attendance for the last six months. For all of these things, we give God praise.—Edna B. Clay, Clerk.

BUSHNELL, Fla.—We are now in a revival in Bushnell which has been going two weeks, and God is still blessing souls. Six have been saved, 1 has been sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 have been added to the church. A good Baptist preacher is the evangelist. He preached a week, and then he and his wife joined the Church of God. God surely has blessed him, and the whole church has been blessed and revived. Some say the church is the most spiritual that it has been since 1936. God is blessing, and we do thank Him for it. Every part of the church is growing. We also thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Braswell.—Reporter.

HAMILTON (PADUCAH AVENUE), Ohio.—How we praise God for the wonderful revival He has just given us here! God's presence was felt in every service. Twelve were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. Our evangelist, whose nightly messages stirred the hearts of sinners and saints, was Brother William Minton, of Hamilton. The church was definitely blessed and strengthened by Brother Minton's ministry. We highly recommend him to other churches as a man of God who preaches the message just as God lays it upon his heart. He is a man of prayer and fasting, and will be a blessing to your church.

Also, God has blessed our church with a wonderful pastor, Sister Anna Mae Brashear. She is a faithful, devoted minister whose heart is fully in God's work. We have a large group of children and young people, and Sister Brashear has a heart of love, and compassion for them and an abundance of patience with them. She has

made many sacrifices for the cause of God, and we appreciate her from the depths of our hearts.—Reporter.

TAVARES, Fla.—Recently we had a three weeks' revival with Sister Onez King, of Bainbridge, Georgia, as the evangelist. Two were saved, 1 was sanctified, and several were definitely healed. The church was blessed with the good preaching of Sister King.—F. W. Griffin, Clerk.

PINE GROVE, W. Va.—Our church has been greatly blessed since our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister R. Nicely, were sent to us. Recently, Brother Flinchum, our district pastor, held us a good revival. Also, Brother Paul Nance held us a week's revival, in which he did some fine preaching. When the weather clears, I feel that we shall increase in each department of our church. We ask an interest in your prayers. We are praising God in everything we do, for He has been blessing us in a great way. The L.W.W.B. has a new zeal to work. We surely do thank God for our pastor and his wife.—Mrs. Mable Scyoc, Clerk.

SHELBY, Ohio.—We feel that we have just had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. This revival, which continued for four weeks, was conducted by Brother Luther Smith, of Mansfield, Ohio. Brother Paul Williams, of Mansfield, also, was his song leader. He was a real inspiration, and we had special music and singing every service. Each night we had capacity crowds even when we had zero weather. Twenty-six were saved, 15 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 25 baptized in water, and 16 added to the church. Many testified to healing, and unbelievers who testified to becoming believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. Only time can tell the full results of this revival. We feel that this was really a youth revival, since twenty of those saved were under thirty-five. A sixty-three-year-old woman was saved, also. We fully recommend Brother Smith and Brother Williams to any church, for we are sure that it would be helped in every way. Our pastor, Brother John Wheeler, his wife, and all the church members are praising and thanking God for His blessings at our church. Pray that God will help our new converts and will make them real workers for Christ.—Mrs. John Hale, Reporter.

ENIGMA, Ga.—We truly thank and praise God for a two weeks' revival conducted by Sister Edna Moody, of White Springs, Florida. Eleven were saved, 7 sanctified, and 12 filled with the Holy Ghost. There were numerous testimonies of healings.—Beatrice Fogarty.

in memoriam

WILSON

The ministry, members, and friends of the Church of God were shocked to learn of the death of Ernest W. Wilson, who was promoted to eternal glory February 6, 1955. In the passing of Brother Wilson, the Church has lost an able minister; the Talladega Church lost a faithful shepherd; Sister Wilson and the children have lost a faithful husband, father, and counselor.

Ernest W. Wilson was still a young man—only forty-four years of age—yet he had served the Church as a licensed and ordained minister for twenty-one years. He has an illustrious record of service, having served in the capacity of evangelist, pastor, state youth director, and district overseer. At the time of his death, he was pastor of the Talladega, Alabama, Church, district overseer of the Talladega District, and a member of the State Overseer's Council. He was loved and respected by the ministry, laymembers, and friends of the Church of God. He was fearless and uncompromising in his preaching; positive and unwavering in his convictions; and deeply concerned and sincerely interested in the general Church and her future.

A very impressive funeral was conducted at the Talladega Church by A. L. Burroughs, A. L. Reed, and John L. Byrd. Then followed another funeral service at the South Park (Birmingham), Alabama, Church, conducted by H. D. Williams, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Church of God and a former state overseer of Alabama, F. M. Sides, and John L. Byrd. Strong men wept unashamedly as they witnessed the deep sorrow of the family, fellow ministers, brothers and sisters in the Lord, and friends. I was never more conscious of the preciousness and worth of the good will, love, and respect of my fellow Christian than when I saw love and concern manifested. That is worth more than worldly possessions.

I know the Church of God everywhere will be praying for Sister Wilson and the children. We who are charged with the responsibility of carrying on the great work of the Church will bravely and courageously fight on until our great Commander calls time out for a happy reunion time in the home of eternal bliss. It is then that the hardships, privations, wounds received in battle, heartaches sorrow, and disappointments will all be forgotten.—John L. Byrd, State Overseer of Alabama.

PRICE

Mrs. Ella Price, age 55, a faithful and devoted member of the Church of God at Caruthersville, Missouri, died January 13, 1955, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She is survived by a son, Ozell Everright, of Malvern, Arkansas; her father, Jim Ash, of Braggadocio, Missouri; four

brothers and two sisters. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. E. Shaw.—Church Reporter.

BECKER

On January 22, 1955, Mrs. Henry Becker was called to her long-awaited home at the age of 79. She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wolff, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, with whom she had resided since the death of her husband.

"Grandma Becker," as she was known to her many friends and loved ones, was one of the first members of the Church of God in Lemmon, South Dakota. Through her many prayers and efforts she helped establish the church in Green Bay, Wisconsin, of which she was a member at the time of her death. One of her last testimonies was, "I'm so homesick for heaven." She is survived by five daughters, among whom are Mrs. J. Andrew Rafferty, of Harrisburg, Illinois, and Mrs. E. B. Wolff, Green Bay, Wisconsin.—Mrs. O. H. Wolff.

COLVIN

Mary G. Colvin, of Louisville, Kentucky, departed this life on November 11, 1954, at the age of 82. She was a faithful Christian member of the Shepherdsville Church of God where she was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed. She left to mourn her death her son, Rev. Matthew Colvin; her daughter, Mrs. Charles Edwards, Sr.; 22 grandchildren; 58 great grandchildren; and 4 great great grandchildren. She was a dear mother to everyone. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. E. Lockard who had been her pastor for about nineteen years.—Mrs. Lucy Colvin.

WALKER

R. H. Walker, an ordained minister in the state of North Carolina, departed this life on February 18, 1955.

MAIN

Anna B. Main, a faithful member of the Church of God, went to her reward on February 20, 1955. She left three sons, and eight grandchildren. She joined the church in Baldwin Park, California, in 1923 and remained a faithful member for thirty-two years. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, John D. Nichols.—John D. Nichols.

SMITH

Thomas T. Smith, an exhorter in the Bahamas, died in 1954.

ROLLE

Diana Rolle, an evangelist in the British West Indies, died in February, 1955.

HARRELL

On December 31, 1954, a few minutes before midnight, Sister Dollie Harrell, of Macon, Georgia, age 68, died suddenly with a heart attack just a few hours after taking a trip to her son's house in Adrian, Georgia. Her funeral was on January 2, 1955, in Adrian, and her pastor, Brother W. E. Wright, and Brother Woodyard of Macon, Georgia, conducted the funeral. Sister Harrell had been real low several times, but God had healed her. She tithe and supported the church, which has lost a precious member.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk.

DAVIS

On February 10, 1955, Brother W. H. Davis, of Macon, Georgia, age 67, died suddenly with a heart attack while on the riverbank fishing. He left home with the intention of getting back for church that night. After he did not return, a search party began looking for him, and when they found him at 2:00 a.m. on the bank, he was dead. He was the church janitor, and took good care of the church property. His funeral was conducted at the Macon Church of God on February 13, with Brother W. E. Wright, the pastor, conducting the service. The church really loved and appreciated Brother Davis and his faithfulness to the church in tithes and support.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk.

MOORE

On February 20, just an hour before church on Sunday night, Brother S. C. Moore, of Macon, Georgia, age 69, died suddenly with a heart attack at his home. He had started to the hospital to pray for some sick people when he became sick and had to turn back. He lived only about ten minutes. His funeral was held on February 22 at the Macon Church of God, and he was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery. He was a faithful member and supporter of the church.—Glynn Griffin, Clerk.

VINSON

Little Alvin Willis Vinson, three and one-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve W. Vinson, of Franklin, North Carolina, was accidentally killed on October 31, 1954. Alvin was a regular attendant at the Tessentee Church of God, near Franklin, where his dad and mother are loyal members. His ambition was to be a Church of God preacher, but for some purpose, God saw best to call him home. His going has made heaven brighter and drawn us closer to God. Our loss is heaven's gain. He left a small brother, Avery, his mother, his dad, and a number of relatives and friends to await "that glad reunion day."—Brother and Sister Vernon Wood.

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NSSA DAY CONFERENCE

Each year at the annual NAE convention (April 19-22, Sherman Hotel, Chicago) the NSSA conducts special Sunday School sessions.

The opening session for NSSA day, Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m., will introduce the theme "Reaching Forth Through the Sunday School."

Special addresses, workshops, skits, and the premiere showing of the Moody filmstrip "Know Your Child" will be presented on Tuesday morning and afternoon.

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NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 1-8, 1955

National Sunday School Association announces for the fourth consecutive time this year its plan to promote again National Family Week. As always, it is from the first through the second Sunday of May. In 1955—that's May 1-8.

The emphasis of this week, in keeping with the theme "Every Parent Is a Teacher," is, first, to get the entire family into the Sunday School; and, second, to help those families already

in the church to have Bible reading and prayer together as a family.

If statistics seem to indicate anything in particular beyond all else, it is that the strength of the Sunday School is doubled and tripled when Dad and Mom are there, too.

Otherwise, a common reaction is reflected in the words of a junior high who said, "If Sunday School is so good, why doesn't Dad go?"

A beautiful colored bulletin cover has been prepared for churches, and sells for \$1.25 a 100. Suggestions for pastors and Sunday School superintendents to use in observing the week are available free by writing!—National Sunday School Association, 524 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 11—An inter-collegiate oratorical contest with state and national awards to encourage study of the alcohol problem by young people was announced by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, the president, said that state contests will be sponsored by state WCTU's, in interested universities and colleges and that state winners will be eligible to enter the national competition.

"Participating state WCTU's," Mrs. Hays said, "will offer preliminary contest prize money to each college having five or more qualified contestants, the amounts probably differing by states and apportioned as each college desires."

"The contests are to encourage and promote research among young people on the harmful effects of drink in the areas of health, safety, home and social welfare, crime, juvenile delinquency, and economic and industrial security, as well as on individual happiness and capacity for progress and achievement."

Mrs. Hays said that times and places of the contests in the states will be announced "preferably soon after March 1" and that impartial judges are to rank the contestants.

"State contests," she added, "must be completed by June 1, 1955. The place and dates of the national contest, at which state winners will appear in person, will be announced shortly."

The national winner will be awarded \$150, with \$100 and \$50 going to second and third respectively. Rules for the contests, Mrs. Hays said, may be obtained from the National WCTU in Evanston, or from state WCTU's.

(MNS) VENEZUELA—Word has just come from Venezuela that a church of the UNITED WORLD MISSION, recently ordered closed, has been reopened. A national pastor has opened the church without permission and has continued preaching.

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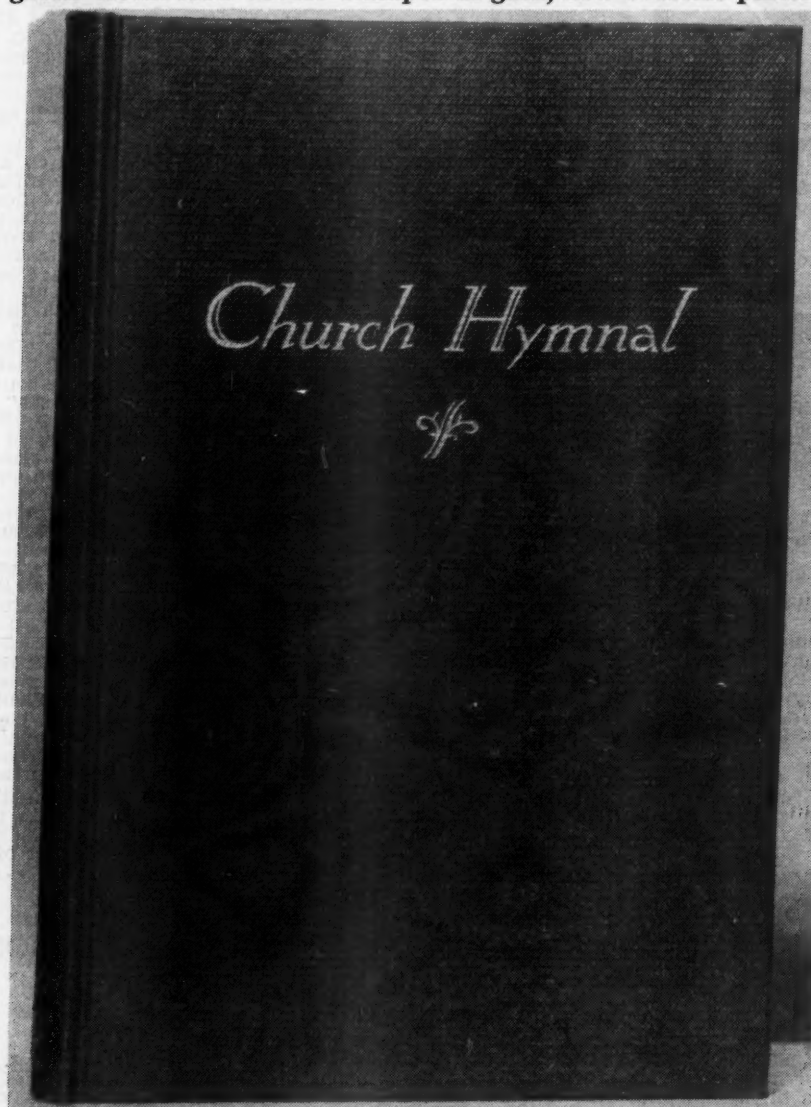
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